

**Table 1. Historical Highlights: 1992 and Earlier Census Years**

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All farms	1992	1987	1982	1978	1974	1969	1964	1959
Farms ----- number ..	46 562	51 172	58 661	60 426	64 094	77 946	93 504	111 817
Land in farms ----- acres ..	10 088 170	10 316 861	10 942 172	11 038 419	10 832 234	11 900 689	13 598 992	14 782 507
Average size of farm ----- acres ..	217	202	187	183	169	153	145	132
Estimated market value of land and buildings <sup>1</sup> :								
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	247 370	196 065	228 238	175 171	93 435	49 821	34 027	25 535
Average per acre ----- dollars ..	1 131	971	1 223	960	553	326	233	193
Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 558 206	2 347 585	2 676 343	1 988 471	1 313 311	715 931	(NA)	(NA)
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	55 028	45 954	45 711	32 963	21 225	9 412	(NA)	(NA)
Farms by size:								
1 to 9 acres -----	2 562	2 866	2 714	1 972	1 788	1 951	2 659	3 545
10 to 49 acres -----	11 148	12 174	14 300	12 627	12 233	14 334	17 753	23 225
50 to 179 acres -----	17 449	19 779	23 336	26 479	30 567	39 876	47 784	58 955
180 to 499 acres -----	10 289	11 329	13 539	15 035	16 078	19 209	22 956	24 194
500 to 999 acres -----	3 576	3 667	3 672	3 451	2 880	2 248	2 129	1 690
1,000 to 1,999 acres -----	1 234	1 134	924	747	486	285	180	208
2,000 acres or more -----	304	223	176	115	62	43	43	43
Total cropland ----- farms ..	44 320	48 653	56 321	59 080	62 914	75 656	91 560	108 922
Harvested cropland ----- farms ..	8 156 388	8 181 320	8 458 021	8 382 317	8 005 478	8 580 391	9 454 589	9 956 811
Irrigated land ----- farms ..	41 334	46 017	53 738	57 294	60 836	70 605	87 947	104 712
Acres -----	6 584 251	6 172 468	7 255 909	6 774 229	6 317 638	5 501 729	6 738 032	7 154 811
Market value of agricultural products sold <sup>2</sup> ----- \$1,000..	3 028 547	2 545 078	2 588 317	1 914 314	1 491 439	829 451	766 394	622 960
Average per farm ----- dollars ..	65 043	49 736	44 123	31 680	23 270	10 641	8 196	5 571
Crops, including nursery and greenhouse crops ----- \$1,000 ..	1 671 563	1 272 802	1 364 665	997 743	828 865	349 704	360 094	284 560
Livestock, poultry, and their products ----- \$1,000 ..	1 356 984	1 272 276	1 223 652	916 571	657 721	475 210	399 783	334 193
Farms by value of sales <sup>3</sup> :								
Less than \$2,500 -----	10 923	12 670	13 718	14 282	18 360	34 817	39 517	53 022
\$2,500 to \$4,999 -----	5 579	6 774	7 751	9 125	8 420	11 508	15 848	21 647
\$5,000 to \$9,999 -----	6 387	7 548	8 741	9 652	10 412	10 887	15 298	19 363
\$10,000 to \$24,999 <sup>4</sup> -----	7 752	8 460	10 335	10 851	10 887	19 980	22 477	17 670
\$25,000 to \$49,999 -----	4 683	5 002	6 143	6 644	24 069	19 887	22 477	—
\$50,000 to \$99,999 -----	4 163	4 322	5 334	5 544	—	—	—	—
\$100,000 to \$499,999 -----	6 156	5 808	6 140	4 044	2 678	705	333	—
\$500,000 or more -----	919	588	480	258	131	31	—	—
Farms by type of organization:								
Individual or family (sole proprietorship) -----	40 654	45 166	52 022	53 931	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Partnership -----	4 316	4 662	5 495	5 635	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Corporation -----	1 431	1 167	947	699	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other—cooperative, estate or trust, institutional, etc. -----	161	177	197	161	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Operators by days worked off farm <sup>5</sup> :								
None -----	18 547	19 384	21 350	21 888	19 760	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Any -----	25 462	29 155	33 579	36 289	34 349	49 652	52 438	60 991
200 days or more -----	17 984	20 818	23 181	26 054	24 549	34 807	35 909	39 190
Operators by principal occupation <sup>5</sup> :								
Farming -----	24 396	26 112	30 107	29 296	34 438	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Other -----	22 166	25 060	28 554	31 130	29 164	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Average age of operator <sup>5</sup> ----- years..	51.9	50.9	49.5	49.7	50.9	50.4	50.7	50.4
Total farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> ----- \$1,000..	2 583 189	2 211 823	(NA)	(NA)	1 096 587	676 628	(NA)	(NA)
Selected farm production expenses <sup>1</sup> :								
Livestock and poultry purchased ----- \$1,000..	205 867	190 386	170 034	145 691	105 358	85 819	52 756	47 808
Feed for livestock and poultry ----- \$1,000..	333 497	273 192	254 964	179 958	150 759	84 811	75 299	72 432
Commercial fertilizer <sup>6</sup> ----- \$1,000..	218 185	190 526	242 091	173 192	131 619	53 169	54 123	(NA)
Petroleum products ----- \$1,000..	141 653	120 621	181 320	97 893	97 528	39 971	41 977	39 948
Hired farm labor ----- \$1,000 ..	318 276	242 445	186 312	136 868	92 002	70 564	59 667	51 120
Interest expense <sup>7</sup> ----- \$1,000..	181 417	197 966	273 637	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Agricultural chemicals <sup>8</sup> ----- \$1,000..	149 282	119 993	114 159	67 558	39 559	22 383	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock and poultry:								
Cattle and calves inventory ----- farms..	17 031	19 436	25 657	25 293	30 665	36 040	54 150	67 435
number -----	1 113 604	1 163 352	1 345 793	1 248 623	1 430 262	1 441 556	1 724 957	1 609 891
Beef cows ----- farms..	7 548	8 163	10 810	10 575	12 839	(NA)	13 109	(NA)
number -----	116 106	110 156	140 969	139 275	195 130	159 924	132 015	89 852
Milk cows ----- farms..	5 198	6 499	9 142	9 867	12 533	17 082	33 176	50 587
number -----	316 954	344 550	398 211	377 999	392 888	413 907	573 545	612 233
Cattle and calves sold ----- farms ..	15 780	18 164	22 849	23 057	27 566	33 746	48 806	60 555
number -----	594 685	653 806	642 060	675 773	653 930	759 959	879 828	743 314
Hogs and pigs inventory ----- farms ..	4 774	5 577	7 433	8 572	8 508	10 965	18 266	34 257
number -----	1 231 641	1 227 069	1 064 073	931 240	619 910	699 478	716 052	968 455
Hogs and pigs sold ----- farms ..	4 770	5 603	7 194	8 065	7 811	10 636	15 683	25 593
number -----	2 300 151	2 215 872	1 734 236	1 392 522	1 013 950	1 109 623	1 167 122	1 066 709
Chickens 3 months old or older inventory <sup>8</sup> ----- farms..	2 454	3 550	5 788	6 146	8 303	9 477	23 216	49 313
number -----	5 388 894	8 428 623	7 572 108	7 011 188	7 609 220	7 311 189	7 773 877	8 374 699
Broilers and other meat-type chickens sold ----- farms ..	386	495	636	493	459	205	122	257
number -----	400 262	702 431	601 403	496 339	362 042	737 669	1 560 202	2 670 676

See footnotes at end of table.

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Selected crops harvested:								
Corn for grain or seed ----- farms --	18 962	25 140	30 792	33 676	35 690	32 957	51 051	68 700
acres--	2 221 271	1 982 401	2 568 541	2 337 985	1 895 841	1 190 087	1 500 291	1 668 564
bushels--	226 824 263	189 779 819	256 473 754	184 697 964	112 269 703	92 288 328	87 838 628	88 560 174
Wheat for grain ----- farms --	12 433	10 327	15 416	13 966	29 897	32 513	48 253	63 541
acres--	583 245	356 073	513 445	370 398	810 197	540 778	929 907	1 075 915
bushels--	29 350 586	16 465 394	20 764 229	14 669 977	31 891 280	21 102 066	37 094 513	34 597 340
Oats for grain ----- farms --	5 436	11 392	16 627	17 875	(NA)	(NA)	39 069	54 151
acres--	113 359	259 445	398 618	395 419	(NA)	(NA)	638 075	852 467
bushels--	6 650 151	14 634 547	24 770 648	22 618 711	(NA)	(NA)	32 931 429	36 282 364
Soybeans for beans ----- farms --	13 175	12 734	14 905	13 914	12 289	12 471	11 396	8 955
acres--	1 332 114	1 023 599	1 122 617	888 449	570 683	472 153	315 900	224 511
bushels--	41 633 625	36 267 622	34 307 197	21 174 856	12 080 412	11 054 019	7 090 057	5 417 149
Hay—alfalfa, other tame, small grain, wild, grass silage, green chop, etc. (see text) ----- farms --	22 285	25 983	28 522	32 863	33 374	39 049	(NA)	(NA)
acres--	1 283 598	1 436 630	1 365 495	1 561 452	1 359 191	1 375 505	1 827 892	1 882 742
tons, dry--	2 821 347	3 323 175	3 476 731	3 599 083	2 956 963	3 165 340	3 647 477	3 477 938
Land in orchards ----- farms --	3 531	3 791	4 280	4 722	4 746	5 913	8 999	13 081
acres--	162 183	161 567	165 238	169 413	167 747	191 048	198 960	201 197

<sup>1</sup>Data are based on a sample of farms.

<sup>2</sup>Data for 1974 and prior years include the value of forest products sold.

<sup>3</sup>Data for 1982 and prior years exclude abnormal farms.

<sup>4</sup>Data for 1959 are for \$10,000 or more.

<sup>5</sup>Data for 1974 apply only to individual or family operations (sole proprietorship) and partnerships.

<sup>6</sup>Data for 1992 and 1987 include cost of custom applications; data for agricultural chemicals exclude the cost of lime for 1992, 1987, and 1982.

<sup>7</sup>Data for 1982 do not include imputation for item nonresponse.

<sup>8</sup>Data for 1964 and 1959 are for chickens 4 months old or older.